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Editorial

No Paper Next Week

With both *quarterlies* on hand and the editor sick in bed and unable to do anything it will be impossible to issue a paper next week. All readers of the paper should make note of this so there will be no disappointment.

Important Notice

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Conference Notes

An enrollment of 125 delegates with a total attendance of brethren reaching almost 700 is not a bad showing for a dry year. The Chautauqua programs this year were seriously affected by the drouth but the Bible Conference and our conference both increased in size. This is a sign of zeal. Let us thank God and take courage.

Those of us who have been permitted to attend conference regularly could not but notice the decreasing numbers of our "old war-horses." Brethren Holsinger, Brown, Bashor, Wampler, Yoder, Leedy, McFaden, Moomaw, Bauman and others were all absent this year. We pray that they may be able to continue their labors for yet a long time to come. The younger members upon whose shoulders the burdens of the church are falling need the counsel of these older brethren at the conference.

Our brethren are learning how to do business. Less time was wasted in quibbling this year than ever before. The committee appointed to formulate rules for the conference ought to be able to cause still further improvement along this line. The different boards should meet prior to the conference proper and have their business as far as possible in shape for speedy disposal by conference.

The spiritual meetings in connection with conference were especially grand. On the hillside, on the boat by sunlight and moonlight, in the open air and in the chapel of the Inn were meetings which will never be forgotten. Their spiritual uplift will be felt thru-out the whole brotherhood. We ought to have even more of the educational and devotional on our conference programs.

A need of more time is felt. When delegates come for hundreds of miles it ought to be for more than a 4 or 5 days' stay. Even if many could not come every year yet for the sake of those who would be present the meetings should continue longer.

Each year the number of children and young people present increases. More than 150 were in the primary class of the Sunday school. An equal number were in the meeting for children on the barge. The training they are receiving will be invaluable to the church in later years. With part of their offering on the boat they bought the captain and engineer each a nice Bible. Bring the children along the next time again.

The young people have finally united in their organization and have a policy which will certainly increase the efficiency of all our societies. If we had co-operated with the Christian Endeavor movement from the very first we might have accomplished more but we are now in shape to take a new start with new zeal. Our side conferences were good this year but we need more time. Our program committee will see about this.

With the purchase of a new \$6000 church in Chicago, and the one in Washington still only partially paid for, with the enlarging of the work of our publishing house and the taking of definite steps toward foreign missionary work and the better equipment of our college, the church is surely going to have a chance to prove its faith by its works. It will take more money to carry out all these plans than we have been in the habit of giving. But we can rise to the standard conference has set for us. Pastors and workers everywhere must pass along the spirit of the brethren at conference until those at home who are yet unquickened may also learn to give. Let this conference be a call to the whole church to move forward.

C. F. YODER.

Jehovah Reigns

Jehovah reigns, let not His chosen fear ;
His strong right arm hath not been shorn of might ;
Walk bravely, and yet humbly, in the light,
And His directing will become more clear.
Let not a cloud upon your brow appear,
Tho there should be confusion in the state,
Tho malice join her hand with bitter hate,
God is supreme—be this your hope and cheer.
The darkest clouds that overhang the sky
Will pass away, revealing clearest blue.
He will untwist the intertangled skein,
The future will unfold Heaven's strategy
And give to all events proportions due ;
Trust Him, ye fearful ones, God is serene.—*Selected.*